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**Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture
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The mission of the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture (MCAAHC) is to interpret, document, preserve, and promote Maryland's African American heritage; to provide technical assistance to institutions and groups with similar objectives; and to educate Maryland's citizens and visitors about the significance of the African American experience in Maryland and the nation. The MCAAHC is a unit of the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives and serves as the statewide clearinghouse for preserving evidence of and documenting the African American experience in Maryland.

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**AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE PRESERVATION
PROGRAM GRANT WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED**

Grant program funds African-American historic and cultural capital projects

The Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture (MCAAHC) and the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) are pleased to announce workshops regarding grants available through the African American Heritage Preservation Program (AAHPP) for Fiscal Year 2016. Six workshops are being offered across the state:

Baltimore County

Monday, March 10, 2014
11AM - 1PM
Union Baptist Church
105 Main Street
Turner Station (Dundalk), MD 21222

Carroll County

Wednesday, March 12, 2014
2PM - 4PM
Carroll Nonprofit Center
255 Clifton Blvd: Suite 310--NAACP Branch 7014
Westminster, MD 21157

Montgomery County

Saturday, March 15, 2014

2PM - 4PM

Agricultural History Farm Park – Activity Center

18410 Muncaster Road

Derwood, Maryland 20855

Anne Arundel County

Monday, March 17, 2014

2PM - 4PM

Maryland Historical Trust

100 Community Place

Main Conference Room

Crownsville, MD 21032

Baltimore County

Thursday, March 20, 2014

11AM - 1PM

Baltimore County Public Library

Lansdowne Branch

500 Third Avenue

Lansdowne, MD 21227

Dorchester County

Friday, March 28, 2014

10AM – 12 PM

Harriett Tubman Museum

424 Race Street

Cambridge, MD 21613

Workshop attendees should register online at

http://mht.maryland.gov/grants_africanamerican.html or by contacting Kathy Monday at MHT at 410.514.7603 or kathy.monday@maryland.gov.

The goal of the AAHPP is to identify and preserve buildings, communities and sites of historical and cultural importance to the African American experience in Maryland. This competitive program, offered once per year, is supported through an annual appropriation from the Maryland General Assembly, and is administered as a joint partnership of the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture (MCAAHC) and the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT). Grant awards range from a minimum of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$100,000. Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations and local jurisdictions. Business entities and individuals may also apply for Program grants when seeking funds for a preservation or development project that serves a high public purpose. Eligible projects include acquisition, construction, capital improvement, and certain predevelopment costs for African American heritage properties.

Program guidelines and grant applications may be obtained from MHT's website at <http://mht.maryland.gov/grants.shtml>. Completed grant applications must be submitted online by 11:59 PM on July 15, 2014. For assistance in the development of project scope and purpose, contact Dr. Joni Jones, MCAAHC Director, at (410) 216-6190 or joni.jones@maryland.gov. For assistance with capital project and technical preservation issues, contact Anne Raines, MHT Capital Grants and Loans Administrator, at (410) 514-7634 or anne.raines@maryland.gov.

The Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) is a state agency dedicated to preserving and interpreting the legacy of Maryland's past. Through research, conservation and education, the Trust assists the people of Maryland in understanding their historical and cultural heritage. The Trust is an agency of the Maryland Department of Planning and serves as Maryland's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.